The estimated increased availability of washed coal will be to the tune of 28 million tonnes per annum when these washeries get fully operational.

Indian help to Chinese coal sector

7594. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has sought the help of Government of India to develop some coal mining projects in that country;

(b) if so, the details of the help sought by China in that regard;

(c) whether the probability of such collaboration has been discussed;

(d) if so, the decision taken thereon; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During the 2nd meeting of Indo-China Working Group on Coal held in December 1994, the Indian side offered expertise in Planning and Designing of Opencast projects and also supply of opencast equipment for development of opencast mines in China. The Chinese side had welcomed the idea.

(c) to (e) Pursuant to the above decision a Chinese delegation visited India during April, 1995 to discuss this proposal further with concerned Indian organisations. The Crinese side has been requested to identify a suitable site and provide geological data to Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Limited.

Production of coal in Mahanadi coalfields

7595. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mahanadi coalfields Ltd. (MCL) had taken steps to increase coal production from its mines;

(b) if so, the performance of MCL during last three years;

(c) the target set by MCL for coal production during the remaining years of the Eighth Plan; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Production of coal in Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) during the last three years was as below:

(In million tonnes)

1992-93	23.14
1993-94	24.30
1994-95	27.32 (provisional)

(c) and (d) The target of coal production set for MCL during the remaining years of Eighth Plan are as follows:

(In million tonnes (Date Provisional)

1995-96	30.75
1996-97	35.00

Investment of coal sector

7596. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is order of investment in coal sector for the current year with sources of funding for major projects, company-wise with production targets;

(b) whether the coal sector facing acute resource crunch for developing new mine and modernising existing mines;

(c) if so, specific steps taken/proposed to mobilised adequate resources to meet the production of coal;

(d) policy decision taken/under consideration for exploitation of coal resources through private/foreign investment and details thereof; and

(e) what steps have been taken to appoint Chairman of Coal India on a regular basis and since when the officiating arrangement is continuing affecting decision making process and administration significantly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Company-wise Plan outlay and source of funding including for major projects for the year 1995-96 is given below:—

(Rs. in crores)

	Coal India Ltd	Singareni Collieries Co., Ltd.
Internal Resources	912.02	394.00
Bonds	400.00	..
Suppleirs Credit	56.98	..
Addl. Resource Mobilisation	650.00	100.00
External aid through budget	41.00	22.00
Net budgetary support	200.00	..
Total Outlay	2260.00	516.00

The production target for CIL and SCCL for 1995-96 is 241.00 million tonnes and 28.00 million tonnes respectively.

(b) and (c) As a conscious policy, Govt. have been reducing budget support to public sector undertakings. The coal companies are being encouraged to improve internal resource generation by reducing costs, improving efficiency and better capacity utilisation. The coal companies are approaching national and international financial institutions for mobilising resources to meet the plan outlays. Private sector is also being encouraged to invest in coal mining.

(d) Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973 has been amended to allow private sector participation in coal mining. This amendment enables companies engaged in power geeration, and such other end uses as may be notified by Govt. from time to time, to carry out coal mining. This is in addition to the existng provision enabling companies engaged in the production of iron and steel to carry out coal mining.

(e) Proposal for appointment of a regular chairman in Coal India Limited has been processed and appointment will be made in due course. This interim arrangement has been made with effect from 1-1-1995 for the smooth functioning of the company.

Mismanagement in Coal India Limited

7597. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state: (a) whether Government are aware that rampant corruption, over reporting, coal pilferage and extravagance over the past few years have pushed the Coal India Limited on the brink of collapse and if so, what are the details of remedial steps taken during the last three years and with what results and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the present Chairman designate has taken some strict financial measures for econo-